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FROM:

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RMS Program and Budget Officer

SUBJECT: Comments on the PIRSG Report

1. General: First, these comments are from a budget perspective. This study took over a year to do a relatively "independent" assessment of the "National" Photographic Interpreter Resource question put to the DCI by the PRC(I) to "study the problem of Photo Interpreter (PI) billets from a Community perspective." The study group did not focus on the billets per se, but it attempted to assess the quality/quantity of the product from the working level users point-of-view, and to review the tasking and management of the national imagery community. Thousands of standardized interviews were conducted by the study group whose composition was essentially from the imagery community (with the exception of the study group and myself). This group has participated in similar past studies which addressed the PI resource question. Two aspects of the study, I think, make it virtually impossible to determine future manning levels beyond maintaining present levels:

- [REDACTED]
- The concept of analyzing the functions and missions assigned each organization with respect to the PI resources required to accomplish them was not accepted because of its general nature. The study recommends a future effort toward clarifying intelligence research specialists.

2. Specific Comments: A direct result of the study group's interview effort was increased communication and understanding of the data bases available, and what each different production organization's function was relative to the user analysts.

3. Figure II-1 (PI Resource Summary Manpower) must be corrected with the attached figure as the originally submitted PI resource data base. The PIRSG received this data during the period of the study (FY 1977-1982) without considering future [REDACTED] requirements. The increases

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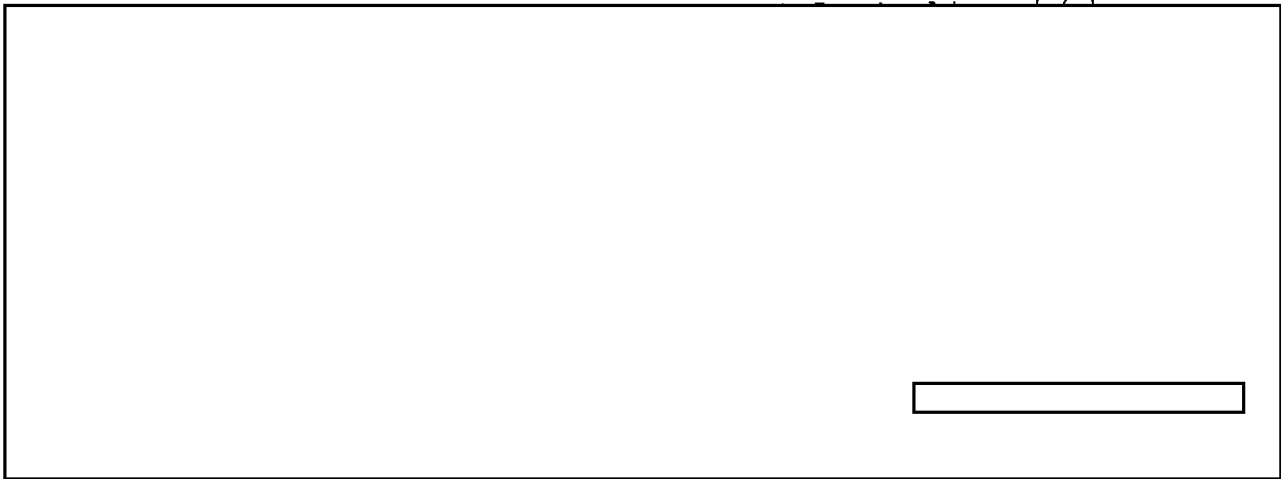
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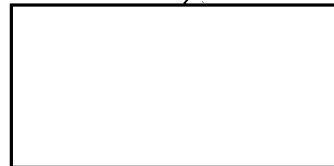
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that PI resources required in the future are the subject of on-going efforts and should not be included. The increases reflected in the updated draft version reflect FY 1980 POM/Budget requests. This period was not considered by the PIRSG. This chart makes the number consistent with the comments on Page IV-28, Paragraph 5.

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Attachment:
Corrected PI Resource
Summary Manpower

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